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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO BURUNDI OF NORMAN WINGERT

1. NORMAN WINGERT, PROTESTANT MISSIONARY AND FORMER RESIDENT IN BUJUMBURA CALLED AT DEPARTMENT JUNE 2 TO INQUIRE INTO ADVISABILITY OF HIS VISITING BURUNDI LATER THIS MONTH. WINGERT WAS RESIDENT IN BURUNDI 1962-64 AND ALSO IN LATE 1972 DURING "EVENTS". HE IS AUTHOR OF RECENT BOOK "NO PLACE TO STOP KILLING", WITH WHICH EMBASSY FAMILIAR.

2. COUNTRY OFFICER ADVISED WINGERT THAT AS FAR AS DEPARTMENT AWARE GRB HAS NOT RPT NOT MADE MENTION OF HIS BOOK AND POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT GRB NOT FAMILIAR WITH IT. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO REASON WHY WINGERT COULD NOT APPLY FOR VISA TO SPEND WEEK VISITING MISSIONARY FRIENDS IN BURUNDI. FYI: WINGERT WILL BE ON VACATION BUT WILL ALSO BE LOOKING TO SEE WHERE CHURCH WORLD SERVICES CAN BEST SPEND FUNDS HE PLANNING TO BRING. END FYI.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PRIORITY RESPONSE IN EVENT EMBASSY FORESEES ANY PROBLEMS WITH WINGERT VISIT TO BURUNDI. INGERSOLL

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